

schools of rhetoric that taught the use of Latin even to youth born by the Tiber.

The poet Claudian, an Egyptian Greek of the fourth century, expressed this noble unity.

And at the very close of the dark 4th century, when to see the glory of Rome seems to have departed, a Christian writer dwells glowingly upon this same unity: "We live, no matter where we are in the world, as fellow-citizens, ... enclosed within the precincts of one city and grown up at the same domestic hearth ... An equal law has made all men equal."

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UNITY OF FEELING

By its generous policy, by its prosperity and good government, by its uniform law, and its means of close communication, the empire won spiritual dominion over the hearts and minds of men. Rome molded the manifold races of her realms into one, - not by conscious effort or by violent legislation, but through their own affectionate choice. This Romanization was very different from the violent measures used by Russia or Germany before the World War to nationalize

their mixed populations, and more like the unconscious absorption of many stocks in the United States. Gaul, Britain, Dacia, Africa, Syria, called themselves Romans. They were so, in life, thought, and feeling. The East kept its Greek tongue and a pride in its earlier civilization; but it, too, turned from the glories of Achilles and Hector for what seemed the higher honor of the Roman name. And East and West alike used the Roman law and Roman political institutions.

The ruin of the Roman world was not, like that of previous empires, one of external force (the physical conquests of Rome were chiefly made under the Republic. The Empire was a defensive civilized state; and its wars, with rare exceptions, were not for conquest). It was in the inner life of the people. The provincials had no reason to feel a difference between themselves and the inhabitants of Italy. From the provinces now came the men of letters who made Roman literature glorious, and the grammarians who defined the Roman language. They furnished nearly all the emperors. In their cities arose